

**Oriole Park Junior Public School Parent Council  
January 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes  
Oriole Park Library**

**Present:**

N. Quimby, A Smith, M. Malloy, A. Smith, N. Masood, N. McConkey, M. Ciccio, E. Thurlow, J. Harper, M. Gain, R. Sidway, A. Tebo, C. Tanzola, T. Debus, J. Allison, K. Bardyn, T. Roth, C. DeWit, S. Hassan

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Oriole Park Association Update**

- D. McMahon and H. Harris from the Oriole Park Association (“OPA”) provided an update.

**Traffic Calming Initiatives on College View Avenue and Oriole Parkway**

- On December 10, 2018, OPA met with Toronto transportation.
- H. Harris is waiting to hear back from Councillor Matlow on the issues discussed.

**Community Planting in Boulevard on Oriole Parkway**

- H. Harris advised that the City approved their plans to plant on the boulevard. The planting will be held on a weekend day in May 2019. More details will be provided in due course.

**Metrolinx Noise and Traffic Issues**

- D. McMahon indicated that the OPA is attempting to coordinate efforts with other groups responsible for areas along Eglinton Road.
- If there are any concerns with traffic or noise, contact D. McMahon.

**Annual General Meeting**

- On January 24, 2019, OPA will hold its annual general meeting in the OPJPS gym.
- Speakers will include Councillor Josh Matlow, Toronto Police Services and the Midtown BIA.
- If there are any suggestions or comments regarding the community, please email OPA.

**Principle Update**

- N. Quimby provided an update.

**Staffing**

- M. Oliveria (“Zee”) was successful in obtaining a permanent position as OPJPS’s Administrator.

- Three teaching staff members are pregnant and their positions will be filled with a LTO when their respective leaves commence.

### **Facilities**

- The east staircase was partially repaired in December 2018. Further work will be completed during the 2019 March Break.
- The school roof is being replaced. Work will commence on January 14, 2019 and it will take approximately six weeks to complete. Steps have been taken to ensure that students are not exposed to inappropriate noise or environmental hazards.

### **Community**

- The request to have the road and parking signage changed along Braemar Avenue will go to Toronto's City Council on January 18, 2019. Certain hours will permit traffic such that parents may be able to drop off students on the same side of the street as OPJPS.
- The crossing guard assigned to the College View Road intersection attended twice on January 8, 2019. **ACTION ITEM:** N. Quimby will follow-up with the crossing guard times to ensure they coincide with the entry times of all students at OPJPS (for example, to remain on duty prior to the later Kindergarten start).
- Kindergarten registration opens in February. This year, registration will be closed to optional attendance. Registration will consist of an initial online application, an in-person meeting to verify documents and a family welcome night.

### **School Initiatives**

- January 18, 2019 - PA Day
- January 23, 2019 – The Anti-Bullying Magic Show
- January 26, 2019 – Family Skating Afternoon. Participants will not be let on ice without a helmet. This includes adults. **ACTION ITEM:** N. Quimby to confirm whether ski helmets will be permitted.
- Week of January 28, 2019 – Jungle Sport during gym periods. Waivers must be completed.
- In December 2018, the Ministry approved various PRO Grants, including \$1000 for OPJPS to hold a science workshop. N. Quimby contacted 'Scientists in School' and obtained possible dates. There will be on-line registration and everyone who wants to participate gets two options.
- Maker Space Update:
  - Dash, Dot, Cue have been purchased. These are robots to introduce Grades K to 5 to coding.
  - T. Roth will provide two orientations to each classroom teacher. Teachers can then incorporate the robots and challenges into the curriculum.
  - An opportunity for kids with an interest to do more with more advanced robots will be available with Cue.

- Micro:bits was free and some classrooms with receive an 80 minute workshop to introduce the students to coding (Grades 2/3, 3, 3/4 and 4)
- Collecting coffee tables for Lego tables
- Makerspace is collecting material, as well as commercially purchased material, to create various learning opportunities and challenges.
- It's going to be a two-year process and looking at the music room for space.

## **Fundraising Update**

- M. Malloy provided an update

### **Stems for STEM, Silent Auction and Purdy's Chocolate Sales**

- An update on the various initiatives for the maker-space funds was discussed
- More families participated in Purdy's chocolate sales than the other events/initiatives. The majority of families only participated in one of the three events
- Considering starting Purdy's sooner next year to increase involvement

### **Dance-A-Thon (February 14, 2019)**

- Council discussed making the Dance-A-Thon's fundraising specific to a cause
- Council agreed that it will go to literacy
- **ACTION ITEM:** Council approved that M. Malloy will lead a subcommittee for dance-a-thon fundraising. Committee will finalize the advertisements and how to request donations.
- Participation in the Dance-A-Thon is not tied to fundraising

### **May Fair**

- Planning for the May Fair will begin.
- **ACTION ITEM:** H. Harper and M. Malloy will discuss what committees need to be established and organize who will head each committee.
- **ACTION ITEM:** M. Malloy will connect with J. Parker regarding ordering/reserving the bouncy castles.

## **Treasurer's Update**

- Deferred to next meeting
- **ACTION ITEM:** S. Vise and A. Smith to review the budget prior to next Council meeting.

## **Other Business**

### **December 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

- The minutes of the Council's December 6, 2018 meeting were approved.
  - K. Bardyn motioned and M. Malloy seconded. Motion passed.

**Bell Let's Talk Day on January 30, 2019**

- As noted in the December 6, 2018 meeting, A. Smith was to review the student census data. A. Smith reported that according to the data, 38% of students reported a negative self-image. **ACTION ITEM:** As such, N. Quimby will do some communication around the importance of a healthy self-image in connection with Bell's Let's Talk Day.

**Timing of end of the year picnic**

- A view was expressed that holding a family event on the last day of school is impossible for some members of the community. Suggested looking at an alternative date.
- Council voted and decided it could be held on the Tuesday instead.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is February 7, 2019 at 7:00pm.